

WE CLAIM:

1. An inkjet printhead chip that comprises
a substrate that defines a plurality of ink supply channels;
5 a drive circuitry layer that is positioned on the substrate; and
a plurality of nozzle arrangements that are positioned on the substrate, each nozzle
arrangement including
a nozzle chamber defined by the substrate;
a roof structure positioned over the nozzle chamber, the roof structure defining an ink
10 ejection port; and
at least one actuator that is positioned in the roof structure and is displaceable with
respect to the substrate on receipt of an electrical current from the drive circuitry layer to
reduce a volume of the nozzle chamber so that ink is ejected from the ink ejection port.
- 15 2. An inkjet printhead chip as claimed in claim 1, in which a number of actuators are
positioned in each roof structure about the ink ejection port.
3. An inkjet printhead chip as claimed in claim 2, in which each actuator includes an actuator
arm that is connected to the drive circuitry layer and extends towards the ink ejection port, a heating
20 circuit being embedded in the actuator arm to receive the electrical signal from the drive circuitry
layer, the actuator arm being of a material that has a coefficient of thermal expansion sufficient to
permit the material to perform work as a result of thermal expansion and contraction, the heating
circuit being positioned so that the actuator arm is subjected to differential thermal expansion and
contraction to displace the actuator arm towards and away from the respective ink supply channel.
- 25 4. An inkjet printhead chip as claimed in claim 3, in which each actuator arm is of
polytetrafluoroethylene while each heating circuit is one of the materials in a group including gold
and copper.
- 30 5. An inkjet printhead chip as claimed in claim 3, in which each actuator arm includes an
actuating portion that is connected to the drive circuitry layer and an ink displacement member that
is positioned on the actuating portion to extend towards the ink ejection port.
6. An inkjet printhead chip as claimed in claim 3, in which each roof structure includes a rim
35 that defines the ink ejection port, the rim being supported above the respective ink inlet channel

with support arms that extend from the rim to the drive circuitry layer, the actuator arms being interposed between consecutive support arms.

7. An inkjet printhead chip as claimed in claim 1, in which the drive circuitry layer is a CMOS layer.
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